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2.1 Bloodborne Pathogen

All trainees will attend a course on bloodborne pathogen training organized by the Department's Safety Coordinator.

2.2 Hazards

Each individual working in the laboratory of the Forensic Biology Section must be acutely aware of the potential hazards inherent in his/her work. These hazards include, but are not limited to:

- 2.2.1 Infectious agents, such as those associated with:
 - Hepatitis
 - AIDS
 - Sexually transmitted diseases
 - Parasitic infections
 - Bacterial infections
- 2.2.2 Hazardous materials, such as:
 - Ethidium bromide
 - Acids and bases
 - Organic chemicals

2.3. Safety Procedures

- 2.3.1 Reference: Department of Forensic Science Safety Manual
 - 2.3.1.1 All trainees are required to read and be familiar with the Department of Forensic Science Safety Manual.
- 2.3.2 Personal protection
 - 2.3.2.1 Use gloves, safety glasses and other protective clothing and equipment.
 - 2.3.2.2 Avoid production of aerosols.
 - 2.3.2.3 No mouth pipetting.
 - 2.3.2.4 Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
 - 2.3.2.4.1 Read and be familiar with the prescribed precautions for the handling of all chemical used in a particular procedure <u>before performing the</u> procedure.

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2.3.3 Biosafety Practices	<u>-</u>

- 2.3.3.1 Follow prescribed cleaning procedures for yourself, your work areas, and equipment.
- 2.3.3.2 All biological materials and containers/supplies that have come in contact with biological materials and/or hazardous chemicals will be placed in biohazard bags, which will be disposed of according to approved guidelines.
- 2.3.3.3 All glassware for disposal will be placed in the broken glass containers, which will be disposed of according to approved guidelines.
- 2.3.3.4 Organic and other hazardous chemicals (e.g., phenol, ethidium bromide) will be retained in appropriately labeled containers in a hood until picked up by a disposal company.

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